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BENNETT'S STATE DIRECTOR TO RETIRE

SALT LAKE CITY - After a career of public service in federal and state government, Dixie L. Minson will retire from her position as state director for Senator Bob Bennett (R-Utah) and will be succeeded by Tim Sheehan, currently a government relations manager with an e-commerce company and a former deputy for policy in the Utah governor's office.

"On the night of my election to the Senate more than eight years ago my first staffing decision was to hire Dixie Minson to head my state offices," Bennett said. "That decision has proven to be one of my best. Dixie has served the people of Utah well in establishing and guiding offices that are attentive to citizens' concerns and responsive to their needs."

"To fill the vacancy left by Dixie's departure, I am pleased to appoint Tim Sheehan as my new state director. He brings an experienced perspective from positions in government and the private sector that will be invaluable as we continue to serve the people of Utah," Bennett added.

In addition to nearly nine years with Bennett, Minson's career has included service as the first woman commissioner for the Industrial Commission of Utah, deputy chief of staff to former Governor Norm Bangerter, and director of Utah's Division of Consumer Protection.

Still involved in public service in her retirement, Minson, joined by her husband Ralph, will lead volunteer preservation teams in all of Utah's 29 counties as they document and re-inventory roads whose rights-of-way were granted to local governments under an 1866 law known as R.S. 2477.

Prior to accepting the position in Bennett's office, Sheehan was state government relations manager at FreeMarkets, Inc. a business to business e-commerce firm. He has served as a deputy for policy and assistant deputy for communications for Governor Mike Leavitt and as a government relations manager at AT&T Wireless Services.

Sheehan will be assisted in managing the senator's Utah offices by Larry Shepherd, who has served as state media/communications specialist to Bennett and will now take on the assignment of deputy state director.

Minson will depart Bennett's office on April 30.

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